



# CONGRESSMAN JIM SENSENBRENNER GUIDE TO CONGRESS

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## Representing You In The 5th District

*As the new Representative of Wisconsin's Fifth Congressional District, please allow me to introduce myself. I hope you find this guide informative as you learn more about me, and the services I can provide you.*

### My profile in brief:

- Member of Congress since January of 1979, after having served ten years in the Wisconsin State Legislature.
- Became Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee at the beginning of 2001.
- Prior to that, served as Chairman of the House Science Committee for four years, focusing on issues such as streamlining NASA, and maintaining strict oversight over various science policies.
- Have regularly been favorably cited for my work in Congress by organizations including the National Taxpayers Union, the 60 Plus Association, and the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste.

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## Communication - A Two Way Street

As a Member of Congress, I have always made it a priority to be responsive to my constituents. I communicate through issue-oriented newsletters (similar to this), and invite your input in any form of communication you prefer, including:

- Letters
- E-mail
- Post Cards
- Phone Calls
- Visiting My Office
- Petitions

**If you would like to be added to my list of constituents who receive my newsletters, please cut out and mail the card on Page 4 of this newsletter to my Washington, DC office - for your convenience, the address has already been pre-printed.**

I also spend a lot of time in my district meeting with people and providing them with opportunities to express their thoughts.

Over the years, I have found that the best way to meet people and hear their concerns is through Office Hours and Town Hall Meetings. These events provide me the chance to hear your views on the issues before Congress, as well as, help you with problems you may be experiencing in dealing with a federal agency.

Last year, I held 90 Office Hours and 35 Town Hall Meetings. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting nearest your home. Please contact my Brookfield office if you require special accommodations to attend.

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FOR OFFICE HOURS AND TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

## Representing You In The 5th District

### **Legislative Issues:**

As a Member of Congress, I need your input on the issues facing Congress each day. If you have an opinion or question on a certain issue, I encourage you to call, write, or e-mail my Washington, DC office (see Page 4 for contact information).

Please keep in mind that since October 2001, mail to my Washington office has been slowed as a result of new security measures being used to process it. If you mail something to that address, it may take a few weeks before I actually receive your document. Consequently, responses to your letters may take longer. But please be assured that your letter will receive a reply!

### **Problems With Federal Agencies:**

Federal agencies can be extremely frustrating to deal with at times. One of the most important jobs I have is assisting my constituents when they are having difficulty with an agency. If you are having a problem involving a federal agency, my staff in the Brookfield office and I are always willing to assist you!

Please understand that while I can bring your case to the attention of the proper officials to ensure that you receive timely and fair consideration, Members of Congress cannot direct an agency to decide a matter in your favor.

Some of the more common federal issues that my office can help you with include:

- **Social Security**
- **Medicare**
- **Disability**
- **Passport Services**
- **Immigration and Naturalization**
- **Veterans**
- **Military**
- **IRS**
- **Federal Pensions and Benefits**
- **Small Business**
- **Federal Communications Commission**
- **United States Postal Service**
- **Labor**

In order for my office to make an inquiry on your behalf with a federal agency, the Privacy Act of 1974 requires your written authorization. Please feel free to download an ***Inquiry and Privacy Release Form*** from my website, or call my Brookfield office for a copy, which you will need

to mail back to my office, along with any relevant documentation.

### **Publications:**

The U.S. government produces thousands of documents each year including analyses, research reports, information directories, consumer guides, investigations, and many more. Should you desire any of these documents or a copy of a specific bill before the Congress, we can help you.

However, please keep in mind that many documents are not free, and there is a cost involved in procuring them. In these cases, although we will not be able to get the documents for you, we can point you in the right direction by providing you with the pertinent information on how to acquire them.

### **U.S. Service Academy Appointments:**

Every year I recommend a select group of high school graduates from my district for admission to the US Military Academy, the US Naval Academy, the US Air Force Academy, and the US Merchant Marine Academy. This year, the applicants will need to be residents of the 5th District, and between the ages of 17 and 21. If you are interested, call or write the Brookfield office for more information and the proper forms. The deadline for submitting a completed application is October 15 of each year.

### **Website:**

To keep up with my positions on various issues and progress in Congress, please feel free to visit my website at [www.house.gov/sensenbrenner](http://www.house.gov/sensenbrenner). It is updated regularly and is intended to be a source of information to you. It lists the various constituent services I provide including my schedule of Office Hours and Town Hall Meetings, how to set up an appointment with me, and tours we can arrange for you and your family when you visit Washington, DC. Through my Press Releases and Weekly Columns, you can see what I am working on, and there is even a section targeted to help students.

**A new feature on the website, the House Legislative Update, will allow you to sign up and receive timely legislative bulletins and updates on current events in the House. This will be through a ListServ program which will request that you provide your name, e-mail and mailing address when you sign up. It is a strictly voluntary service, and you will not be required to sign up in order to browse my website.**

## OFFICE HOURS

### Monday, January 20

9:00 a.m. Fredonia Village Hall  
9:45 a.m. Belgium Village Hall  
10:45 a.m. Newburg Village Hall  
1:45 p.m. Saukville Village Hall

### Tuesday, January 21

8:30 a.m. Palmyra Village Hall  
9:15 a.m. Helenville Firehall  
10:00 a.m. Sullivan Village Hall  
10:45 a.m. Dousman Village Hall  
11:30 a.m. Genesee Town Hall  
12:15 p.m. Wales Village Hall  
1:45 p.m. Nashotah Village Hall  
2:30 p.m. Merton Town Hall  
3:15 p.m. Merton Village Hall  
3:45 p.m. Pewaukee Village Hall

### Monday, February 3

9:00 a.m. Butler Village Hall  
9:45 a.m. Lannon Village Hall  
10:30 a.m. Sussex Village Hall  
11:15 a.m. Jackson Village Hall  
1:00 p.m. Slinger Village Hall  
1:45 p.m. Addison Town Hall  
2:30 p.m. Kewaskum Village Hall

### Tuesday, February 4

9:00 a.m. Fox Point Village Hall  
9:45 a.m. Bayside Village Hall  
10:30 a.m. River Hills Village Hall

## TOWN HALL MEETINGS

### Monday, January 20

7:00 p.m. Oconomowoc City Hall

### Thursday, January 30

2:00 p.m. Elm Grove Village Hall  
7:00 p.m. West Allis City Hall

### Sunday, February 2

1:00 p.m. New Berlin Public Library

### Tuesday, February 4

7:00 p.m. Menomonee Falls Public Library

### Monday, February 10

2:00 p.m. Whitefish Bay Village Hall  
7:00 p.m. Waukesha Public Library

### Sunday, March 16

1:00 p.m. Delafield City Hall

### Saturday, March 29

9:00 a.m. Mequon Safety Building  
1:00 p.m. Brown Deer Public Library

### Tuesday, January 21

7:00 p.m. Shorewood Village Hall

### Saturday, February 1

9:00 a.m. Port Washington Police Dept.  
1:00 p.m. Hartland Village Hall

### Monday, February 3

7:00 p.m. Glendale-North Shore Library

### Sunday, February 9

1:00 p.m. Hartford City Hall

### Saturday, March 15

9:00 a.m. Wauwatosa Public Library  
1:00 p.m. Cedarburg Police Department

### Monday, March 17

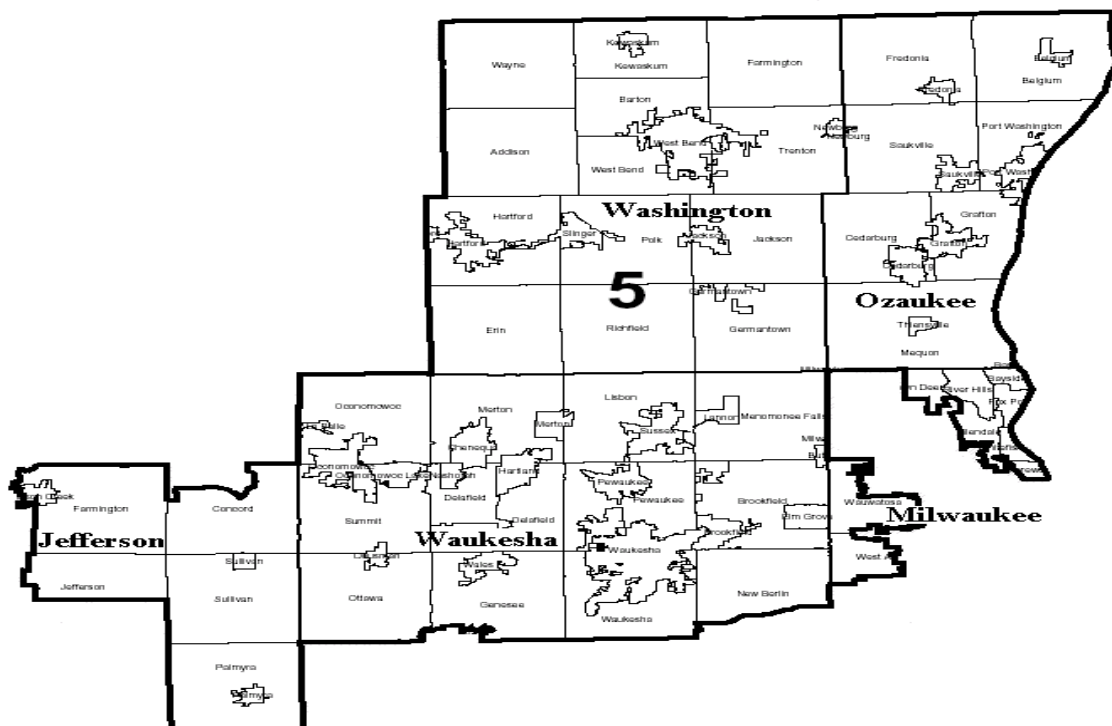
2:00 p.m. Johnson Creek Village Hall  
7:00 p.m. West Bend City Hall

### Sunday, March 30

1:00 p.m. Richfield Town Hall

Monday, March 31: 7:00 p.m. Brookfield Safety Building

## **Approximate outline of the new Fifth District of Wisconsin**



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**2449 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20515 - 4905**

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To receive my newsletter, please cut the card above at the dotted line, print your name and mailing address, check the box indicating your desire to be added to my mailing list, and mail the card to my office.

## How to Contact Me

*To write about issues or request publications,  
contact me at:*

**2449 Rayburn Building**  
**Washington, DC 20515-4905**  
**(202) 225-5101**

*To get help with federal agencies,  
contact me at:*

**120 Bishops Way, #154**  
**Brookfield, WI 53005-6294**  
**(262) 784-1111**

**Outside Milwaukee Metro Calling Area: 1-800-242-1119**

**E-Mail: [sensenbrenner@mail.house.gov](mailto:sensenbrenner@mail.house.gov)**

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